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SUBJECT: DETENTION OF AMERICAN CORRESPONDENT (TOTH, ROBERT)

REF: (A) STATE 135730, (B) STATE 136737, (C) STATE 136522

- 1. EMBASSY HAS INFORMED PRESS THAT PROTEST WAS MADE TO MFA JUNE 14 CONCERNING JUNE 11 DETENTION OF TOTH. PRESS WAS TOLD THAT PROTEST NOTED THAT TOTH DETENTION APPEARED AS PART OF PERSISTENT EFFORT BY SOVIET AUTHORITIES TO HARRASS AND INTIMIDATE AMERICAN CORRESPONDENTS IN THE EXERCISE OF THEIR PROFESSION, AND WAS INCONSISTENT WITH HELSINKI FINAL ACT WHICH CALLS FOR INCREASED OPPORTUNITIES FOR JOURNALISTS TO COMMUNICATE WITH THEIR SOURCES.
- 2. EMBASSY HAS CONFIRMED RECEIPT OF SOVIET PROTEST CONCERNING TOTH FROM MFA AT SAME MEETING.
- 3. TOTH INFORMED PRESS THAT HE SUMMONED TO KGB TODAY AND SEVERAL CORRESPONDENTS WENT TO BUILDING WHERE TOTH ORDERED TO APPEAR.

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- 4. EMBASSY ACKNOWLEDGING TO PRESS THAT CONSULAR OFFICER ACCOMPANIED TOTH TO MEETING AND REQUESTED THAT HE BE ALLOWED TO BE PRESENT AT INTERROGATION, BUT NOT SO PERMITTED BY SOVIET AUTHORITIES.
- 5. EMBASSY INFORMING PRESS THAT WE STAND BY OUR ORIGINAL PROTEST. TOON

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